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Sir:

Applicant submits this Statement in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-1.98. This Statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), prior to issuance of a First Office Action on the merits.

In addition to the U.S. patent references cited and enclosed herewith, Applicant discloses non-patent literature material to patentability of Applicant's invention. Shown on pages 473, 474 and 466 of the Rutland Tool and Supply Catalog are items which disclose aspects of Applicant's invention. On page 473, the item identified as the "Genuine Indicol Universal Indicator Holder" shows sectional components that are pivotally connected for multi-positioning of the dial gauge near the workpiece. Also

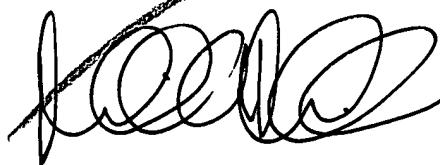
included on page 473 are items identified as the "3D Magnetic Base" and "Axial-Holder." The 3D Magnetic Base shows similar structural features as found in the Genuine Indicol Universal Indicator Holder, namely the presence of pivotally-connected arms and thumb screws for tightening the arms in a secure position. The Axial-Holder also includes sectional arms, but lacks the presence of thumb screws at the pivotally-connected joints.

On page 474 of the Rutland Tool and Supply Catalog, the item identified as the "Flex-O-Post Indicator Holder" shows a tapered arm comprising a series of sectional arms which are connected by a ball joint that provide for radial sweep of the tapered arm near the workpiece. Finally, on page 466, the item referred to as the "Zero-Set Test Indicator Setup Attachment" discloses a component for receiving a dial test indicator wherein the component includes a thumb screw at one end for securing the dial test indicator in place and another thumb screw for securing the component to an arm that is geometrically configured at one end to provide for limited travel or swing of the indicator holder.

A copy of each reference, together with a listing on Form PTO/SB/08A, is submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the cited references and entry thereof in the record of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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